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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 3074

E.O.: 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, SA, SO

SUBJ: VISIT OF SOMALI PRESIDENT TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MUHAMMAD MAS'UD HAS JUST TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD IS EXPECTED IN JIDDA SATURDAY, MAY 3RD.

2. MAS'UD SAID SAUDIS WERE MOST DISTURBED BY INFORMATION ABOUT SOMALIA GIVEN THEM BY SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING HIS FEBRUARY VISIT, AND THEY INTENDED TO QUESTION SIAD CLOSELY ABOUT COMMUNIST ACTIVITY THERE.

3. MAS'UD ASKED FOR A RESUME OF THE POINTS THE SECRETARY MADE ON THIS SUBJECT. THEY ALSO WOULD LIKE OUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO ANY OTHER QUESTIONS THE SAUDIS COULD USEFULLY ASK SIAD. MAS'UD APOLOGIZED FOR THE LATE REQUEST BUT SAID THEY NEED THE INFORMATION BY 1200 LOCAL TOMORROW (0900 GMT MAY 2).

4. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: THE SAUDIS CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE A STRONG POSITION WITH SIAD. THEY WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY FOLLOW ANY GUIDANCE WE GIVE THEM. ACCORDINGLY, WE REQUEST ANY INFORMATION WASHINGTON OR MOGADISCIO THINK THE SAUDIS COULD USEFULLY TAKE UP WITH SIAD. THE SAUDIS ARE PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY THE COMMUNIST MILITARY BUILD-UP THERE, AND WILL
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ALMOST CERTAINLY TELL SIAD HE WILL HAVE TO REPLACE OR

ELIMINATE THE COMMUNIST INFLUENCE OR, AT THE VERY LEAST, FOREGO
SAUDI ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.
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